

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-01116-RC**

ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND v. DEPARTMENT OF  
THE INTERIOR et al  
Assigned to: Judge Rudolph Contreras  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 05/10/2018  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/10/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against ALL DEFENDANTS ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5474808) filed by ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Attachments to Complaint, # <u>2</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>3</u> Summons For Department of Justice, # <u>4</u> Summons For U.S. Attorney, # <u>5</u> Summons For Department of the Interior)(Levitan, Benjamin) (Entered: 05/10/2018)
05/10/2018	<u>2</u>	Corporate Disclosure Statement by ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND. (Levitan, Benjamin) (Entered: 05/10/2018)
05/10/2018	<u>3</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name- Aladdine Joroff, :Firm- Emmett Environmental Law & Policy Clinic, Harvard Law School, :Address- 6 Everett St., Ste. 4119, Cambridge, MA 02138. Phone No. - 617-495-5014. Fax No. - 617-384-7633 Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number 0090-5475071. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND (Levitan, Benjamin) (Entered: 05/10/2018)
05/10/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Rudolph Contreras. (zmd) (Entered: 05/11/2018)
05/14/2018	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent) (zmd) (Entered: 05/14/2018)
06/15/2018		ORDER granting <u>3</u> Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice: Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 83.2(d), it is hereby ORDERED that Aladdine Joroff is admitted to represent Plaintiff pro hac vice in this case. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on June 15, 2018. (lcr3) (Entered: 06/15/2018)
08/01/2018	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 7/2/2018. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 8/1/2018. (Attachments: # <u>1</u>

		Exhibit)(Levitan, Benjamin) (Entered: 08/01/2018)
08/01/2018	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 7/2/2018. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit)(Levitan, Benjamin) (Entered: 08/01/2018)
08/01/2018	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR served on 6/29/2018 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit)(Levitan, Benjamin) (Entered: 08/01/2018)
08/01/2018	<u>8</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 08/01/2018)
08/01/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>8</u> Defendants' Consent Motion for Extension of Time: It is hereby ORDERED that Defendants shall have until and including August 6, 2018 to respond to the complaint. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on August 1, 2018. (lcrc3) (Entered: 08/01/2018)
08/06/2018	<u>9</u>	ANSWER to Complaint <i>and Affirmative Defenses</i> by BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.(Seabrook, April) (Entered: 08/06/2018)
08/06/2018		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and submit a proposed briefing schedule on or before August 20, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on August 6, 2018. (lcrc3) (Entered: 08/06/2018)
08/07/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 8/20/2018 (hs) (Entered: 08/07/2018)
08/17/2018	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 08/17/2018)
08/17/2018	<u>11</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Jeremy S. Simon on behalf of BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 08/17/2018)
08/17/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>10</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before September 14, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on August 17, 2018. (lcrc3) (Entered: 08/17/2018)
08/21/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 9/14/2018 (tj) (Entered: 08/21/2018)
09/14/2018	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Levitan, Benjamin) (Entered: 09/14/2018)
09/14/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>12</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before October 23, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on September 14, 2018. (lcrc3) (Entered: 09/14/2018)
09/25/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 10/23/2018 (tj) (Entered: 09/25/2018)
10/23/2018	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>and Proposed Schedule</i> by BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Seabrook, April) (Entered: 10/23/2018)

10/23/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>13</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before November 28, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on October 23, 2018. (lcrc3) (Entered: 10/23/2018)
11/09/2018	<u>14</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. Attorney Jeremy S. Simon terminated. (Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 11/09/2018)
11/28/2018	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Levitan, Benjamin) (Entered: 11/28/2018)
11/28/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>15</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before January 18, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on November 28, 2018. (lcrc3) (Entered: 11/28/2018)